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SUBJ :VORSTER KEEPS MANDELA'S PRISON DOOR FIRMLY CLOSED

1. RESPONDING IN PARLIAMENT APRIL 21 TO AN APPEAL BY PROGRESSIVE PARTY LEADER COLIN EGLIN THAT HE CONSIDER A REMISSION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS' SENTENCES, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER SAID HE DID NOT CONSIDER NELSON MANDELA AND OTHERS LIKE TO BE POLITICAL PRISONERS. EGLIN, HE SAID, SHOULD NOT EXPECT HIM TO DO ANYTHING ON THE MATTER SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE WERE FOREIGN STATES WHICH ACCEPTED MEN LIKE MANDELA AS LEADERS OF BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS INSTEAD OF THE BLACKS' OWN SELECTED LEADERS.

2. VORSTER SAID PRISONERS HAD BEEN SENT TO JAIL BY COMPETENT COURTS AND HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF CRIMES SUCH AS ARSON AND MURDER. THEY WERE, HE MAINTAINED, CARD-CARRYING MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST PARTY WHO DID NOT HAVE TRUE INTERESTS OF BLACKS

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AT HEART, AND WISHED TO ESTABLISH IN SOUTH AFRICA A

'COMMUNIST STATE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE KREMLIN'. HE
STATED THAT MANDELA AND THE OTHERS HAVE NO CLAIM TO RELEASE
OR REMISSION OF THEIR SENTENCES.

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